I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

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* 746 *Q.*—Mr. K. S. Sivasubrahmanya Ayyar: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the reply of the Agent of the South Indian Railway Company said to be awaited in clause (*b*) of the answer to question No. 354, dated 4th November 1933?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 541 given on 30th January 1934.

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I ask, Sir, whether any facilities have been applied for to be granted by the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway, and if not, why not?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"I do not think, Sir, the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway, have been addressed on the matter; there was no occasion for that."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"Will the Hon. the Minister be pleased to consider the question of addressing the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway, to give facilities for the free movement of rice from different parts of the Province and between different Provinces, if necessary?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"The hon. Member's suggestion will be considered."

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—"May I know what the facilities given by the South Indian Railway are and for what period?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"I am afraid I cannot answer that off-hand; but the South Indian Railway have reduced their rates in order to facilitate the free movement of paddy from both the South Arcot and the Tanjore districts, and the concession holds good until further notification."

Rao Bahadur T. A. Ramalingam Chettiyar:—"Is it a fact that the Ceylon Railway are increasing their rates?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"I am afraid I cannot answer it."

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